



## Integrated Pest Management Section Green and Healthy Schools Assessment

**Integrated Pest Management, or IPM**, is an approach to pest control that relies on a combination of common sense practices for preventing and controlling pests and unnecessary exposure of children to pesticides. In an IPM approach, considerable effort is put toward preventing pest problems by controlling conditions and practices of facility users that may attract and support pests. Depending on the type of pest(s), condition of school facilities, resources, and commitment of the administration and staff, IPM plans take many forms – each unique to the setting, community and school's needs and desires.

Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) operates the Wisconsin School IPM program and assists schools in customizing an IPM plan that meets their needs and is flexible. In coordination with the University of Wisconsin Extension, DATCP offers schools an IPM program that includes written educational materials, training, plant and animal biology, pest behavior and trouble-shooting, and pesticide use consultation.



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Visit the following Web site for more information on **Pesticide Use and Integrated Pest Management (IPM)**, [http://www.datcp.state.wi.us/arm/agriculture/pest-fert/pesticides/school\\_ipm.html](http://www.datcp.state.wi.us/arm/agriculture/pest-fert/pesticides/school_ipm.html).

Pesticides are used sparingly in IPM. Their use is governed by DATCP rules and laws (Ch. ATCP 29, Wis. Adm. Code; s. 94.715 Wis. Stats.)

Consultation and training sessions for school staff, helps school personnel gain the skills needed to maximize pest control while minimizing pesticide risks to students, staff and the environment.

### **School IPM: (To be completed by school's administrative and operations staff.)**

1. Does your school district have an IPM Coordinator?

- ☐ Yes  
☐ No

If yes, please answer the following questions.

a. Is the school implementing a program through the IPM Manual?

- ☐ Yes  
☐ No

b. Has your IPM Coordinator participated in a Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection IPM training seminar?

- ☐ Yes  
☐ No

2. Does your school have a pest management policy?

- ☐ Yes  
☐ No

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3. Has your school district hosted a DATCP/University IPM workshop for appropriate staff?  
☐ Yes  
☐ No

4. Does your school use pesticides?  
☐ Yes  
☐ No

If yes, please answer the following questions.

- a. Does your school have an employee who is certified to apply pesticides?  
☐ Yes  
☐ No
- b. Does your school contract with a certified and licensed pesticide applicator?  
☐ Yes  
☐ No
- c. Does your school post a notice at the time of pesticide application and for at least 72 hours following application?  
☐ Yes  
☐ No
5. Does your school teach IPM concepts in the classroom/laboratory or on field trips?  
☐ Yes  
☐ No